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1. COMITE 1 COMMENCED CONSIDERATION OF LOS ITEM WITH REPORTS OF SBC RAPPORTEUR AND CHAIRMAN. AMERASINGHE'S ADDRESS CONFINED TO REVIEW OF SIX YEARS WORK AND REPEAT OF MOST OF GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REVIEW OF PROVISIONS OF DRAFT RES MADE TO CONTACT GROUP ON 12 OCT (REFTEL). CHAIRMAN STATED PREPARATORY WORK IS SUFFICIENT FOR CONF AND RECOMMENDED TWO SESSIONS OF 4 AND 8 WEEKS DURATION IN 1974. HE REVIEWED DECISIONS THAT COMITE HAD TO MAKE (REFTEL) AND APPEALED TO MEMBERS TO CONFINE COMITE DEBATE TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND NOT SUBSTANCE.

2. PERU DELEGATE DECLARED PREPARATORY WORK IS INSUFFICIENT, FURTHER CONSULTATIONS STILL NECESSARY, AND UNPREPAREDNESS
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EXPOSES CONF TO RISK OF FAILURE. ALLUDING TO REMARKS

MADE DURING CONTACT GROUP MEETING 12 OCT, PERU DELEGATE AGAIN DISPUTED IDEA THAT OUTCOME OF CONF HAD TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO AND SAFEGUARD INTERESTS OF GREAT POWERS. SUCH REASONING, HE SAID, IS EQUAL TO VETO AND DISCRIMINATES AGAINST WILL OF MAJORITY.

3. IN BRIEF REMARKS, NORWAY DELEGATE URGED CONVENING CONF FOR TWO SESSIONS AND COMIE ADOPTION OF RES THAT LEAVES INVITATION QUESTION TO SETTLEMENT BY PLENARY. NO FURTHER SPEAKERS INSCRIBED AND COMITE ADJOURNED MORNING SESSION EARLY.

4. AFTERNOON SESSION WAS EXTREMELY BRIEF WITH ONLY GENERAL OBSERVATIONS BY UGANDA, CANADA AND COLOMBIA. UGANDA DELEGATE URGED MERGING CONF SESSIONS IN 1974, CITING EXPENSE AND DEMANDS ON PERSONNEL IN SMALL DELEGATIONS AS REASONS. HE NOTED AGREEMENT WITH PURSUING CONSENSUS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BUT DECLARED EVENTUAL NEED TO VOTE.

5. CANADA (BEESLEY) CITED NEED TO HEAR NON-SBC MEMBERS VIEWS ON SUBSTANCE AND URGED OTHER MEMBERS TO CONFINE REMARKS TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. BEESLEY NOTED GOC WOULD SUPPORT TWO SESSIONS IN 1974 IF MAJORITY DECIDES BUT SYMPATHETIC TO VIEWS OF THOSE SUPPORTING ONE EXPANDED SESSION INSTEAD. BOTH THESE VIEWS WERE SUPPORTED BY COLOMBIA DELEGATE.

6. COMITE 1 CHAIRMAN INVITED NON-SBC MEMBERS TO SPEAK ON ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE AND ANNOUNCED SPEAKERS LIST WILL CLOSE AFTER MORNING SESSION 17 OCT. THIS CLOSING OF LIST DOES NOT PREVENT MEMBERS FROM ADDRESSING THEMSELVES TO PROVISIONS OF DRAFT RES AFTERWARDS.

7. GROUP OF 77 MET AFTER COMITE 1 ADJOURNED AND LA GROUP MEETS TUESDAY AT 0930. ONLY FRG INSCRIBED THUS FAR FOR TUESDAY SESSION.
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